



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. BJ 2015 – 7

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- WHEREAS,** an Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter was involved in a fatal accident off the coast of the Florida panhandle late in the evening on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 during a training mission; and
- WHEREAS,** four Louisiana National Guard aircrew and seven U.S. Marines were aboard the aircraft at the time of the crash; and
- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana National Guard is working in conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard and Eglin Air Force Base for continued recovery efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** the service members dedicated their lives to serving their state and country, fighting courageously overseas in defense of our nation as well as here at home, protecting what matters most during times of crisis; and
- WHEREAS,** the thoughts and prayers of all Louisianians are with the families of the four Louisiana National Guard soldiers as well as the families of the seven U.S. Marines on board the Black Hawk helicopter.

NOW THEREFORE, I, BOBBY JINDAL, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

- SECTION 1:** As an expression of respect for the four Louisiana National Guard soldiers as well as the seven U.S. Marines involved in the Black Hawk helicopter accident on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall continue to be flown at half staff over the State Capitol and all public building and institutions of the State of Louisiana until sunset on Monday, March 30, 2015.
- SECTION 2:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Monday, March 30, 2015, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded prior to that date.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 27th day of March, 2015.

/s/ Bobby Jindal

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**

/s/ Tom Schedler

SECRETARY OF STATE